**Restriction on public distribution of essential commodities**

1355. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether Government plan to restrict the public distribution of essential commodities to the selected people only, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMA LUDDIN AHMED): There is no pro posal at present to restrict the Public Distribution System to any section of the society.

**Public Distribution System in Rajasthan**

1356. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to open more public distribution centres in Rajasthan; if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(b) by when the entire population of Rajasthan will be covered .through public distribution system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED); (a) Under the 20-Point Programme, the State Government of Rajasthan has not intimated any target set by them for opening of Fair Price Shops (FPS) in 1991-92 However, under the proposal to streamline and strengthen the Public Distribution System (PDS) in certain identified areas, the State Government has indicated faat about 718 additional FPS are proposed to he opened in these identified areas covered under Desert Development Programme (DDP), brought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDP) during the current year. District-wise break up of the additional Fair Price Shops proposed by the Government of Rajasthan is given in the statement. *(See* below)

(b) The existing Public Distribution System covers the entire State of Rajasthan. The additional Fair Price Shops are m«-posed to provide- increased access and facility to the population in the identified areas.

**Statement**

*Number of Fair Price Shops proposed fo be opened. by Rajasthan Government in the identified areas of the State durinp ihe current year in the districts*

| Name of the district | Number proposed to be opened |
|---|---|
| 1. Skiar | 23 |
| 2. Jhunjhunu | 142 |
| 3. Ganganagar | 27 |
| 4. Nagaur | 83 |
| 5. Pali | 149 |
| 6. Jalore | 9 |
| 7. Bikaner | 5 |
| 8. Bansware | 28 |
| 9. Dungarpur | 32 |
| 10. Kota | 38 |
| 11. Baran | 10 |
| 12. Tonk | 17 |
| 13. Udaipur | 50 |
| 14. Sirohi | 15 |
| 15. Jhalawar | 90 |
| TOTAL : | 718 |

**Centre-State dispute regarding district forums and State Commission**

1357. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BBKAL UTSAHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report captioned "Gentre.

States lock horns", in the Tribune dated September 27, 1991;

(b) if so, what is the precise nature of the dispute between the States and the Central Government regarding ihe district forums and State Commission to be set up under the Consumers' Protection Act, 1986 and the financing thereof; and

(c) in which States these bodies are presently functioning effectively and in which States/Union Territoriets they are not functioning, indicating the stages of development in each of the latter ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) There is no dispute between the States and the Central Government regarding the district forums and State Commission and financing thereof. It is true that the Stale Governments have been time and again requesting for financial assistance in the matter. But they have been informed that the setting up of the district forums and State Commission is the responsibility of the State Governments and they are to meet such expenditure from their non-Plan budget.

(c) A statement indicating the position regarding functioning Of the State Commissions and District Forums in the States/ Union Territories is appended. *{See* below). Central Government has been writting to State Governments to set up the District Forums in each of the districts wherever it has not been done so far.

**Statement**

*Position of implementation of consumer protection Act,* 1986 *as on* 15-11-1991

| State/UT | Position of SC | No. of Districts | No. of DFs |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Andhra Pradesh | F | 23 | 23 F |
| Arunachal Pradesh | F | 11 | 11 F |
| Assam | F | 23 | 14 F |
| | | | 9 N |
| Gujarat | F | 20 | 20 F |
| Bihar | F | 39 | 39 F |
| Goa | F | 2 | 2 F |
| Haryana | F | 13 | 2 F |
| Himachal Pradesh | F | 12 | 1 F |
| Karanataka | | | 11 N |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | F | 20 | 4 F |
| | | | 16 N |
| Kerala | F | 14 | 3 F |
| | | | 11 N |
| Madhya Pradesh | F | 35 | 45 F |
| Maharashtra | F | 31 | 30 F |
| Manipur | N | 8 | 8 N |
| Meghalaya | N | 5 | 5 N |
| Mizoram | F | 3 | 3 F |
| Nagaland | N | 7 | 7 N |
| Orissa | F | 13 | 13 F |
| Punjab | F | 12 | 12 F |
| Rajasthan | F | 30 | 30 F |
| Sikkim | N | 4 | 4 N |
| Tamil Nadu | F | 21 | 21 F |
| Tripura | F | 3 | 3 F |
| Uttar Pradesh | F | 63 | 63 F |
| West Bengal | F | 17 | 3 F |
| | | | 14 N |
| Andaman & Nicobar | F | 2 | 2 F |
| Chandigarh (UT) | F | 1 | 1 F |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | F | 1 | 1 F |
| Delhi | F | 1 | 1 F |
| | | | 1 N |
| Daman & Diu | F | 2 | 2 F |
| Lakshadweep | F | 1 | 1 F |
| Pondicherry | F | 1 | 1 F |

SC: State Commission

DF: District Forum F :

Functioning N :

Notified